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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MODULE CHANGES

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1. GUARD STATION:

A. YOU MAY RECALL THAT CONCEPT DEVELOPED DURING DECEMBER 1975 BY DIRECTOR, SFM, CALLED FOR LOCATION OF J-1 LIAISON OFFICER WITHIN J-1 PERIMETER, I. E., SOUTHERN ISRAELI BUILDING COMPLEX. DURING ON-SITE MEETING IN EARLY FEBRUARY AMONG THORNE, COLONEL LEVINSON, AND STILES, IT WAS AGREED THAT LIAISON OFFICER WOULD NOT BE ON ISRAELI STATION BUT WOULD BE POSTED IN BUILDING AT PRESENT LOCATION. TO AFFORD BETTER VISIBILITY TO BOTH ACCESS ROADS TO J-1 COMPLEX. THIS DECISION RESULTED IN CONTRACT CHANGE. CONTRACTOR WAS DIRECTED TO ERECT PERMANENT BUILDING, APPROXIMATELY SAME FLOOR SPACE AS MODULE, USING KELLY KLOSURE MATERIALS. FEBRUARY MESSAGE TRAFFIC REFLECTS THIS DECISION. THE CONTRACTOR WAS ALSO DIRECTED TO INSULATE, HEAT AND AIR CONDITION, PARTITION, AND CAULK

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BUILDING AS NECESSARY AS WELL AS PROVIDE REQUIRED POWER,

IF NOT PROVIDED BY ISRAELIS. APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO COVER

WOODEN FLOOR OR REPLACE WITH CONCRETE SLAB AT LATER DATE, IF YOU DEEMED THIS CRITICAL ITEM.

B. THE GUARD STATION MODULE IS INTEGRAL TO OVERALL BASE DESIGN AND TO SOME EXTENT MODIFIED DURING CASTING AT SAN ANTONIO FOR THE GUARD POST FUNCTION. INTERIOR SPACE IN THIS MODULE NOT REQUIRED FOR GUARD OPERATION AND COMFORT WAS PLANNED TO BE USED AS STORAGE SPACE WITH PARTITIONING LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION. ADDITIONAL COSTS AND TIME TO EFFECT PROPOSED CHANGE, I.E., INSTALL MODULE AT J-1, BUILD GUARD STATION ARE ALSO RELEVANT FACTORS.

C. BASE DESIGN CONCEPTS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL NONMODULE CONSTRUCTION FOR SUCH PURPOSE AS STORAGE; HENCE, THE PLAN TO USE PART OF THIS STRUCTURE FOR STORAGE PURPOSES. HAD THE DECISION BEEN MADE TO CONSTRUCT A GUARD POST FROM LOCAL MATERIALS, WE MORE LIKELY WOULD HAVE UTILIZED MODULE FOR PAINT/BATTERY SHOP IN LIEU OF KELLY KLOSURE.

D. ANY CONTRACT CHANGES AT THIS STAGE WILL BE COSTLY. THIS ONE COULD BE DOUBLY SO IF FOR CONSIDERATIONS OF SYMMETRY WE HAD TO INSTALL A MODULE AT E-1 ALSO. THIS COULD WELL BECOME A PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION IF A MODULE WERE TO BE INSTALLED AT J-1.

E. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, UNLESS OVERRIDING ON-SITE CONSIDERATIONS NOT APPARENT HERE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED, WE DO NOT CONCUR IN PROPOSED CHANGE.

2. WATCH STATIONS:

A. WE NEED RATIONALE FOR PROPOSAL TO DELETE ONE MODULE EACH FROM MITLA EAST AND WEST WATCH STATIONS. ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WOULD BE USEFUL:

(1) WHAT IS CURRENT TOUR OF DUTY AT THESE STATIONS?

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(2) WHAT ARE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL/24 HOURS? WHAT IS RELIEF SCHEDULE?

(3) IF CHANGE MADE ARE LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED PERIOD (SEVERAL DAYS) OF ISOLATION DURING CONTINGENCY CONDITIONS?

(4) WHAT OTHER USES OF MODULES ARE ENVISIONED? WHERE

WILL EXCESS FURNITURE BE USED? WHICH MODULE WILL BE REMOVED?

(5) WHAT ARE ON-SITE ESTIMATED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DELETION AT WATCH STATION AND ERECTION OF MODULES ELSEWHERE? (MODULE DESIGN HAS SOME UNIQUE ASPECTS.)

(6) WHERE WILL WATER TANK BE LOCATED IN NEW CONFIGURATION?

(7) DOES NUMBERS OF PERSONS PER WATCH LESSEN TOTAL MANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR SFM WATCH STATIONS FUNCTION?

(8) HAVE ADDITIONAL DUTIES WHICH WILL INCORPORATE USE OF PLANNED FOR IR SURVEILLANCE OF GIDDI WEST BEEN CONSIDERED IN ARRIVING AT APPARENT REDUCED WATCH STATION MANNING?

(9) INASMUCH AS PRESENT DESIGN WAS INTENDED TO MAXIMIZE COMFORT, PERMIT WATCHSTANDERS SOME PRIVACY AND OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN PERSONAL HYGIENE AT REASONABLE STANDARDS ON EXTENDED WATCH, DOES PROPOSED CHANGE PERMIT THESE STANDARDS TO BE MAINTAINED TO YOUR SATISFACTION?

(10) WHAT IS SCHEDULE IMPACT? IN THIS VEIN, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT 1 JULY DATE IS CRITICAL IN THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO REDUCE TOTAL US PRESENCE TO BELOW 200 LEVEL BY THAT DATE OR SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. INCREASED COST TO ACCELERATE SCHEDULE DUE TO CHANGES IS NOT NECESSARILY AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. KISSINGER

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